



TRUTH 1017

Handling Temptation, Part II

I. Understanding the Enemy's Plan

- A. Flesh attacks the body: _____
- B. The world's system attacks the soul: _____

Hebrews 11:12-14

And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. ¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.

I Peter 2:11

Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

- C. The devil attacks the spirit: _____

Psalms 119:11

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

II. Avoid the Enemy's Trap

- A. _____ will lead away from _____

Matthew 6:13

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. ²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

- B. Adjust the _____

James 1:12-14

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. ¹³When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.

Proverbs 13:20

He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

- Relationships will _____ or _____ us.

III. A Prescription for Success

A. We must have an "it is _____" for each "I know I _____."

Lies We Tell Ourselves

Honesty

Lie: We _____ because it will make us look _____.

Truth: When we _____, we work against what _____ is doing within us.

Colossians 3:9-10 (NASB)

Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the one who created him.

Thought Life

Lie: We can't help what comes into our _____.

Colossians 3:2-4

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Forgiveness

Lie: We can't forgive; they really don't deserve our _____.

Ephesians 4:32-5:2 (NASB)

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. ¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; ²and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave himself up for you.

Speech

Lie: We have to _____ this way to be _____.

Truth: Our _____ may be keeping others from hearing what is most _____.

Ephesians 4:29 (NASB)

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear it.

Selfishness

Lie: Our _____ is more important than their _____.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NASB)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than ourselves; ⁴do not merely look out for your own personal interest, but also for the interest of others.

Four things to do with these verses:

1. _____ them

3. _____ them

2. _____ them

4. _____ on them